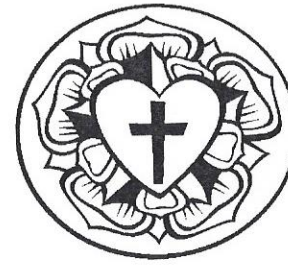


Coffee & Conversation

During the summer months Pastor Eileen is offering an opportunity to stay after 9 am worship from 10:15-11:15 for a time of conversation. She is inviting you to ask questions about bible passages, theology, faith, church, or anything in the realm of spirituality that you've wondered about or would like to explore. There will be cards on the table in the narthex that say "I've always wondered..." so that you can ask questions ahead of time and perhaps give her some time to think about your question.



You may make an offering to the church through our website www.SummerHillLutheran.org. Simply click on the online giving button on our home page and you will be directed to a secure site to make a one time or on-going offering. You may direct your offering from your checking or savings account or a credit or debit card. Use this QR code to go directly to the contribution page.



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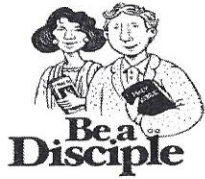
FOOD TRUCK PARTY VBS 2022

A fun week was had at the Food Truck Party VBS June 12th to 16th in the Pavilion. Top Chef Pastor Eileen and DJ cupcake, played by Carly Mullins, started the children on a roll with God each night with skits, music, and a Bible Story all in front of backdrop created by the Bright family. The theme this year was "Give us this day our daily bread". Following the opening, classes separated into two groups for lesson and crafts. Games were organized and led by Logan Rollman, Aiden Platt, with help from Carly Mullins and Kohlby Rollman. Smacks were prepared by Helen Miller, Jenn Platt, and Jess Rollman.

Offering collected was given to Buddy Back Pack program at Schuylkill Haven Elementary School. Our "kids" helping other "kids"!

A huge thank you to all who helped make this VBS possible; Pastor Eileen, Bright family for background scenery, Terri Cleary, Harry Schwenk, Debbie Hummel for teaching classes and doing crafts with the children, game leaders and snack crew. Thank you to Eva Waldman and Matt Platt for help with setting up and operating the technology. Thank you to the congregation for snack donations. Also, a huge thank you to Thrivent for seed money to purchase supplies. A big shout out to the parents and grandparents for bringing their children and grandchildren to VBS. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful support.

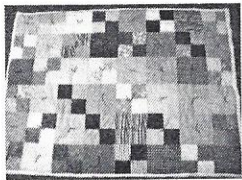
Hope to see everyone September 11 at 9:30 AM for the return of Sunday School. Have a restful and safe Summer.
Reba



Evangelism News By Charles Hawk, Sr.

Half way through June and it seems as though it just began. Time sure does fly by when you get older. You know we only have one day for sure (that's today). There are no guarantees

tomorrow will even arrive. If you want to do something don't put it off. If you want to use that new item you were saving for a special occasion, use it. God has told us we have TODAY. Have you ever kept putting something off you wanted to do and never got it done? I'm sure we all have experienced that at one time or another. Don't get me wrong there is nothing wrong with saving for a rainy day, JUST DON'T TAKE IT TO EXTREMES. There is only ONE who knows what the future is going to bring. How many times have you said to yourself I am going to go see so and so and just never got around to it? Or you were going to call someone you have been thinking about for a long time but just didn't get it done until it was too late. These are just reminders that I think we all need once in a while. REMEMBER THE ONLY GUARANTEE WE HAVE IS TODAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



The Jolly Quilters thanks Earl Paxson and Don Mairose for taking the quilts and kits to the Pole building. A huge thank you to anyone who helped in any way.. The Schuylkill County Ingathering shipped 518 quilts, 133 School Bags, 295 Personal Care

Kits, 3 Baby Kits this year. St. Paul's portion of that shipping was 69 quilts, 27 school bags, 3 baby kits, and 76 personal care kits (from the Lenten project). Thank you to our hard-working Jolly Quilters and everyone who supports them!



From the Pastor's Pen

WHAT'S A "SYNOD"?

We talk about our synod often, but often the assumption is that the "synod" means a small

group of officials who run the church.

Actually, the word "synod" comes from a Greek word that means "to travel a common road - to walk together." The Northeastern PA Synod (NEPS) is comprised of 249 congregations. There is a professional staff, comprised of the Bishop, 2 Assistants to the Bishop who are ordained clergy, an ordained Director of Evangelical Mission, 9 part-time staff including 6 Associates of the Bishop, a Director of Operations, a Director of Communications and Events, a Director of Congregational Legacy & Purpose, and 3 office support staff. Our synod is governed by a council, made up of both ordained and non-ordained individuals, elected at the annual synod assembly. There are representative from each of the 9 Mission Districts of our synod, and "members-at-large" who include representatives from around our synod and some specifically selected to represent the youth of our synod and ethnic communities whose primary language is not English. The synod is NOT "them." The synod is US! We are one of 65 regional synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We have a variety of ministry teams, including Connection Building, Leadership Development, Racial Justice, Witness and Service (which includes the Hunger team and the Green Team) Worship Ministry and Youth and Young Adult. The members and leaders of these teams and the Synod council are congregational members like YOU, who have a passion for a particular ministry. If you'd like to be part of one of these ministry teams, extra hands are always welcomed. Check out the NEPS website for more information: <https://nepasynod.org/>

Choose from the drop down menu at the top to explore the area that interests you.

Our synod staff, supported by our mission support dollars, guides candidates for rostered, professional ministry through the process and helps each candidate with their discernment process. They provide detailed guidance for congregations when they are seeking professional leaders, especially when calling a pastor. They serve as representatives of our brothers and sisters in Christ at special congregational celebrations, they provide guidance and support when congregations are facing challenges or conflicts and...the list goes on and on.

We are one of 7 ELCA synods in the state of Pennsylvania, and St. Paul's is part of the Schuylkill Mission District.

Along with our sister congregations we help to support the work of Lutheran Social Services, our Lutheran seminary and colleges and many other regional and national ministries. Our synod connections also provide us with access to information and resources for a wide range of topics.

On the website you can learn LOTS more and can sign up to receive the weekly e-newsletter to keep up with what's happening in OUR synod! On the home page, click on "Subscribe" in the upper right corner and choose the e-mailings you would like to receive.

WE are the synod, each of us one of the 119,000 congregational members who make ministry happen in Northeastern Pennsylvania, and who contribute to the ministry of the ELCA here in the U.S. and around the world.

Blessings! Pr. Eileen

Keep in your prayers:



Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Gary & Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Arlene Lickman, Betty Freeman, Thelma Brensinger, Chester Johnson, Shirley Fessler, Barbara Pennypacker, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Eleanor Jamison,

Adam Brink, Arlene Moyer, Charles Wernert, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Dianna Curry, Fern Staller, Rosemary Meade, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Connie Klinger, Stacey Rao, Betty Strauch and John Strauch, Sr., Nancy Vargas, Jerry Heffleger, Kathy Robinson, Beverly Trumbo, Irma Fessler, Brian Hunsberger, Randy Ney and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Timothy Bast, Ryan Bast, and Donald Legarht.

**Pastoral visits and home communions are available anytime.
Please call the office or Pastor Eileen.**



The deadline for items for the September newsletter is **August 15.**

Happy July Birthday To:

7/1 - Cheryl Thomas
7/2 - Donald Paxson, Sr.;
Tyler Schweigert
7/3 - Kate Thomas
7/4 - Olivia Reber
7/6 - Cindy Brown
7/7 - Devin Carroll; Rita Lehman
7/8 - Alex Mullins
7/9 - Elaine Paxson
7/10 - Taylor Fidler
7/11 - Meghan Hall
7/12 - Jill Gordon
7/14 - Hannah Lea Krammes
7/17 - Laura Llewellyn; Jennie Raudenbush
7/19 - Sydnie Harig; Aiden Platt
7/20 - Tessa Benedict
7/22 - Lori Fidler; Shawn Frankenstein; Gregory Sholl;
Lisa Sweigert; Ian Tokarick
7/23 - Emily Gordon
7/26 - Teresa Chappell
7/27 - Thomas Bright
7/28 - Russell Fidler
7/29 - Cecelia Reber; Bonnie Bernat
7/30 - Tyler Reber; Annabell Hossler



Happy August Birthday To:

8/1 - Suzanne Russell
8/2 - Bruce Bailey; Blair Freeman; Diane Kimmel;
8/4 - Jeremy Swiger;
8/5 - Trisha Krause; Jay Riegel, Jr
8/6 - Paul Fabian; Aletha Heinbaugh
8/8 - Zachary Reber
8/9 - Dorothy Moyer; Matthew Troxell; Greyson Woll
8/10 - John Edwards
8/12 - Jack Schwenk
8/14 - Kenneth Dowell; Naomi Reber
8/15 - Lee Ann Llewellyn
8/16 - Tony Sisko
8/17 - Emma Schweigert; Ashley Nespeca;
Confey Maldonado, Jr.
8/18 - Abree Reed
8/20 - Joy Petrie
8/21 - Tabatha Vega
8/22 - Ryan Bailey; Suzanne Riegel
8/23 - Christopher Tokarick; Alyvia Trostle
8/24 - Frank Reber; Richard Reinert
8/26 - Beverly Trumbo
8/28 - Sharon Emerich; Laura Gordon; Jonathan Hummel
8/29 - Elizabeth Thomas
8/30 - Joan Axtt; Brianna Leonard
8/31 - Jarett Felty; Linda Angstadt



The church is starting a new program of checking on people who currently live alone. If any persons are interested, or know of anyone interested, in receiving a daily check-in phone call, please contact the office. We are also looking for any persons who would be interested in doing the calling.



Confirmation class will begin a new year on September 11th during the Sunday School hour. Seventh grade and older students are eligible to enroll. Please call the church office if interested.



The Social Ministry Committee will have its schoolhouse in the narthex from Saturday, July 23rd to Sunday, August 14th, to accept Back-to-School items. These items will be divided between the children from Children and Youth and Women in Crisis. Items to be donated include: backpacks, notebooks, folders, pencils, pens, rulers, glue or any other appropriate school items. Thank you for your generosity.



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

We celebrate with these graduates and their families as they complete this milestone of their lives. Our prayers are with them as they look to the future.

JACQUELINE MAE CURTIS - graduating from Dickenson College with several majors. She has started a two-year Research Program at Massachusetts General in Boston Intestinal Cancer.

NICHOLAS JACOB MALDONADO - graduating from Schuylkill Haven High School and Schuylkill Technology Center. He will be attending Lebanon Valley College majoring in Computer Data Science.

JONATHAN DAVID SCHWENK – graduating from Drexel University in Philadelphia with Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degrees in Chemical Engineering, after completing five years. He is pursuing a job in Chemical Engineering.



The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who donated paper products to our recent collection. The people associated with Servants to All really appreciate your generosity in providing them with the items that they need.



Bits 'n Bytes for your spiritual life from Pastor Eileen

Here are some online links for a devotional resource and bible study that are favorites of mine:

Sacred Space, a devotional site from the Irish Jesuit community

<https://www.sacredspace.ie/>

Bible Study: **Enter the Bible**, from Luther Seminary, a site where you can find answers to questions and a basic study course for every book of the bible!

<https://enterthebible.org/>



HYMN SING WEEKEND July 16 & 17

On Saturday July, 16 and Sunday, July 17 worship will be a Service of the Word (without

Holy Communion) and will include a hymn sing. You'll have an opportunity to request and sing some of your favorite hymns. So start thinking about those favorites you'd like to sing, and to learn what hymns are the favorites of your fellow congregational members!



Saturday and Sunday July 30 & 31

Worship on July 30 and 31 will include a Service of Healing with an opportunity to receive anointing, laying on of hands and prayer. If you have a special request for prayer, let

Pastor Eileen know when you come forward.



Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Have you ever noticed that our worship book is NOT called a "hymnal"? That's because it contains much more than hymns.

On August 6-7, and 13-14, Pastor Eileen will be doing a special sermon series about Lutheran worship and the way our ELW provides resources for worshipping together at church and worshipping in our homes.



ELCA World Hunger
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

In August, Pastor Eileen will be attending the ELCA World Hunger Leaders gathering as a representative of our synod. On Labor Day weekend, September 3 and 4, she will be using the sermon time to share what she learned at that gathering about the current focus of ELCA World Hunger and how our giving supports the work our church does, both here at home and around the world.

A Brief Look At Some Summer Hill History
By Harry Schwenk

In the beginning of 1976, Pastor Latshaw suggested to the congregation that we have a celebration during the summer to celebrate the Bicentennial of The United States. It was decided that the weekend of July 16, 17, and 18 would be our church's celebration.

There were several meetings for the planning of our special weekend. Pastor Latshaw was the General Chairman of the celebration. Following is a list of the members who were the chairpersons of the different committees associated with our celebration:

Worship and Music - Randy Runkle	Finance - Emma Phillips	Publicity - Laverne Frey
Youth Committee - Beatrice Kline	Parade - George Reber, Jr.	Property - John Schwenk
Hospitality - Carol Boyer	Parking - George Fessler	Costumes - Beverly Trumbo
Arts and Crafts Display - Violet Kalbach		Historical - Laura Campbell
Food and Refreshments - Ethel Bernheisel		P.A. System - Ken Trumbo

The celebration weekend began with a box social on Friday evening, July 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the picnic grove, and an old-fashioned square dance from 9:00 pm. to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 17th was "A Day to Remember." At 2:00 p.m., the Thelma Houck Dancers presented a program at the bandshell in the picnic grove. At 3:00 p.m., a pageant "Fourth of July Is A Birthday" by the young people of the congregation was presented in the Fellowship Hall. Beatrice Kline was the directress of the play, and her committee was Reba Lutz, Krista Feeser and Eleanor Stevens. The young people who participated in the play were Brian Staller, Lisa Fessler, Rick Stevens, Lisa Sweigert, Greg Reber, Reba Lutz, Lisa Gaydos, Marie Strauch, Tammy Moyer, Kim Trumbo, Tim Wilson, Audrey Fessler, Alice Fessler, Trisha Fessler, Sharon Freeman, Janet Fessler, Trudy Fessler, Larry Sweigert, David Reber, Elaine Brensinger, Rick Crowe, Judy Schwenk, Larry Johnson, Scott Staller, Claire Stevens, Elyse Weller, Brenda Strauch, Paul Minchoff and Tim Gaydos. Robin Ahrensfield and Beth Feeser were in charge of make-up. Food from the colonial days was served for supper, old fashioned games for all ages were available, and an outdoor band concert was presented by the Cressona Band from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The celebration on Sunday, July 18th began at 9:00 a.m. with an old time Sunday School program, with part of the program presented by Clara Fessler. At the 10:30 a.m. church service, The Rev. Bulington Latshaw III, son of our minister and wife, was the guest speaker. Worshippers attended in colonial attire. Two guards, Jay and Dwayne Bressler, were at the main entrance of the church with muskets on watch for Indians. At noon, a covered dish luncheon was served in the grove. A Bicentennial Parade began at 2:30 p.m. at the George Reber farm and proceeded west to the church. Spectators enjoyed watching members in colonial dress, with some riding in golf carts, in wagons and carts pulled by horses, on horseback, bicycles and walking. There was a judges' stand to judge the parade entries and the men's beards. At 4:00 p.m., a special worship service was held, and The Rev. Craig Dorward, son-in-law of The Rev. Clarence and Mabel Steigerwalt, was the guest speaker. Old hymns were sung, and there was a rolling of drums and presentation of flags. What a joyous and memorable weekend for the people of St. Paul's and the community in praising God for our wonderful country.

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